

DEATH PENALTY IS SOUGHT IN SCHMIDT CASE

Republican A. P. Leased Wire
LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 28.—Calling for the infliction of the extreme penalty—that of death—for Mathew A. Schmidt, charged with murder, Asst. City's deputy district attorney, summed up for the jury today the mass of evidence offered in the last six weeks of the trial in an effort to show that Schmidt was one of the leaders in the alleged plot which resulted in the shooting up of the Los Angeles Times building yesterday and the killing of twenty persons.

The opening of court was delayed today by the illness of Frank D. Pease, one of the jurors, and Keyes, who was to have made his address this morning, spoke during the afternoon. Court will open an hour earlier than usual tomorrow in an effort to make up lost time and have the case placed in the hands of the jury by Thursday afternoon, if possible.

Three physicians examined Judge Pease and agreed that he was suffering from a nervous breakdown. One stated that in his opinion the illness was caused partly because of court scenes held on one of the upper floors of the Hall of Records, and attorneys for the defense suggested that court be moved from the eighth to the ground floor of the building. Judge Frank B. Willis vacated, however, to examine Pease and E. S. Bowles, who has been sitting as an alternate, took his place as a regular juror.

In his argument to the jury, County District Attorney Keyes touched only briefly on the alleged eastern dynamiting conspiracy and devoted most of his time to a comparison of the testimony of Schmidt and other witnesses for the defense with that offered by the prosecution, to the alleged disadvantage of the former. He dwelt especially on the large number of witnesses who positively identified Schmidt as one of the men implicated in the purchase of dynamite alleged to have been used to destroy the Times building.

Joe Harriman, of counsel for the defense, was scheduled to begin the closing arguments for the defense tomorrow. He will be followed by N. T. C. Coghill, chief counsel for Schmidt.

RESERVE BANK DIVIDEND

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RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 28.—The Richmond federal reserve bank today declared a dividend of five per cent on its capital stock of \$2,325,000 which represents stock subscriptions made by 506 members in the fifth federal reserve district. The amount of the dividend is \$114,000 and covers the period from November 2, 1914 to December 31, 1915. It will be paid to the accounts of the various member banks. Governor George Seay said tonight that so far as he knew, this was the first dividend declared by any of the reserve banks.

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SANTA BARBARA WINS IN BIRD CENSUS

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Dec. 28.—That Santa Barbara has again scored first in the national Christmas bird census, is claimed by William Leon Dawson, who made the count. He observed 102 different species in a single day, which does not count the record of 104 set last year. The next best record is 98, made last year at Turpin, North Carolina, and at 100. The methods of taking the Marysville, California two years census naturally differ in various parts of the country. Mr. Dawson made a preliminary survey acquainting himself with the habits of the various birds, and on the day of the census covered sixty miles by automobile and ten miles on foot, never getting more than twelve miles away from the city.

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MILLIONAIRE WARDEN OF SING SING WILL BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE

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ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Thomas Mott Osborne, "millionaire warden" of Sing Sing prison, will be removed from office as soon as a successor can be named under the law. This action probably will be taken tomorrow. John B. Riley, state superintendent of prisons, said today after he had learned of the specifications in the indictment, returned against the Sing Sing executive by the Westchester county grand jury.

No man who deserves indictment should continue in the office of warden," Superintendent Riley said, "and as soon as a successor can be found he will be appointed."

Gov. Whitman's comment was limited to a brief typewritten statement, which read:

"From the first I have believed the charge against Mr. Osborne's personal character entirely unfounded and I am astonished at the action of the grand jury. I know nothing whatever of the evidence which was presented to that body."

Osborne was appointed warden of Sing Sing in the latter part of November, 1914, near the close of Gov. Glynn's administration. A short time previously he gained considerable publicity by spending a week at Auburn prison, where as a part of his study of penology he lived the life of a convict and was known as "Tom Brown."

FORD'S LAST PICTURE BEFORE SAILING

This picture of Henry Ford, Detroit auto manufacturer who hopes to stop the war in Europe, and his secretary, Louis P. Lochner, was taken just before the peace ship Oceanic left from New York last Saturday. One hundred and forty enthusiastic peace advocates are aboard the ship. They will visit Sweden, Norway and Denmark, after which they will go to The Hague and take part in a peace conference composed of peace workers from various neutral countries. Ford admits that his chances of success are very small.



NO PASSPORTS ASK PERMIT TO MOVE BY LAND ROAD REVENUES INCREASE AND COST IS LESS

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STOCKHOLM, Dec. 28.—Despite the refusal of the Washington government to extend passports to bellwether countries to the managers of the Ford peace party, they are still endeavoring to obtain Germany's permission to travel to Copenhagen by The Hague by train. If they are unsuccessful a steamer will be chartered for a trip through the North Sea.

The peace party has found a necessary to extend its stay in Stockholm until Thursday and will arrive in Copenhagen Friday.

Owing to the fact that a number of the members of the party are sick or ill, some of the corps of Red Cross nurses have been appointed to attend them. The horses are described as the best-trained ever seen.

Andrew J. Bellows, Boston, Mass., governor of South Carolina, will leave a majority of the members of the party who are ill suffered from the extreme cold experienced in Christiania. Weather here is more moderate.

ARRANGING FOR RECEPTION

STOCKHOLM, via London, Dec. 28.—Mme. Rosalia Schwimmer and nine members of the Ford peace mission left Tuesday night for Copenhagen to make advance arrangements for the reception of the expedition there. A telegram received from Copenhagen citizens by the party said that Denmark was ready to give the Ford delegates the warmest of welcomes. The members of the party said that as the advance toward The Hague there is every indication that the reception is taken more seriously.

BULGAR PARLIAMENT OPENS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

SEVLA, Dec. 28.—via London.—The Bulgarian parliament opened today before crowded galleries. King Ferdinand received a short ovation. In his address from the throne he referred to the movement of troops of his forces to the frontier, and expressed his sympathy to peasant farmers, who said the latter had temporarily seized, in less than two months, his soil, the Bulgarian arms with its allies had cleared the disputed territory of the enemy.

The king mentioned the Anglo-French expedition to Saloniki as a guarantee to liberty and civilization.

ESTABLISHES SEPARATE AGENCIES

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire)

SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—Seventy shipping men headed by R. M. Calleman, manager of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, today announced that they were organizing a company to build and operate three railroads to ply between Seattle and Hawaii, Australian and New Zealand ports. Necessary for the new line, Mr. Calleman said, is a guarantee by the accumulation of export freight here.

NEW OCEAN LINE

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FRENCH STEAMER SUNK

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TOKIO, Dec. 28.—The French steamer Villa De La Chata, which was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean, sank tons of oil and 350 tons of general cargo in Japan. She took no munitions here. The French line, it is stated, probably will adhere to a route for future sailings over which vessels may be convoyed.

THE REPUBLICAN'S BIG OFFER OPENS TODAY

Notwithstanding the fact that the Republican recently added the **Full Associated Press Report**, by its own admission, the \$5,00 offer is again made this year.

"Because I have run Sing Sing prison with absolute honesty and efficiency, I have made myself hated by the corrupt political element that has long utilized the prison for their own foul purposes."

"Because I have reduced vice and disorder to a minimum within the prison, I have incurred the hatred of the few prisoners who had long enjoyed special privileges at the expense of their fellows."

"Because I have served the state to the best of my ability the very machinery of the law intended for the protection of society has been prostituted from its high purpose to serve the vilest end by means equally vile."

"I have no fear of the result. No jury will be blind enough, no court unfair enough to carry this completely to ultimate success."

The warden was asked whether he would give bail.

"Not," he said. "I will not."

The impression prevails that the warden would go to jail and there await the date of his trial.

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